

a1 --This invention relates to the field of data processing in a business transaction and more particularly to a gift registry system and method.--

On page 24, after line 19, insert the following paragraph based on page 14 of provisional Application No. 60/138,538, filed June 10, 1999 (the contents of which have been incorporated in this application):

a2 --For example, if the recipient registered a \$2000 computer system, a giver can come in and contribute \$100 toward its purchase. This is useful as it permits several of the recipient's friends to each pay for a part of an expensive gift without having to get together ahead of time to discuss how much each is paying. Each person can simply pay as much as they are comfortable with.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 26, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

a3 --However, this recipient may know that the gift ideas they select at the establishment are priced at retail, and that the same items are available from a discount establishment at a savings. Therefore, the gift recipient, knowing that the same gift is available at a lower price has a dilemma. If they register with the retail establishment, the giver will be able to take advantage of the centralized gift registry, but will have to pay more for the gift than it could be purchased for at a discount establishment. However, if the gift recipient does not register this gift, gift givers would have no way of knowing that this gift is wanted. Some gift recipients will register the gift at the higher price, and then attempt to return it, taking the cash and buying the same gift at the lower price. This